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SUBJECT: BLAIS AND LAMONTAGNE GIVEN NEW CABINET PORTFOLIOS

REF: OTTAWA 307

1. IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT JEAN-JACQUES BLAIS HAS BEEN APPOINTED SOLICITOR GENERAL TO REPLACE FRANCIS FOX AND THAT J. GILLES LAMONTAGNE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED POSTMASTER GENERAL TO REPLACE BLAIS. THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS OLD, BLAIS WAS FIRST ELECTED TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN 1972, AND HE BECAME POSTMASTER GENERAL IN SEPTEMBER 1976. BLAIS HAS A BACKGROUND IN BOTH LABOR AND CRIMINAL LAW. LAMONTAGNE WAS ELECTED AN MP IN A BY-ELECTION LAST MAY, AND HE BECAME MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO JUST THREE WEEKS AGO.

2. COMMENT: BLAIS, THE FOURTH PERSON TO HOLD THE SOLICITOR GENERAL PORTFOLIO IN SIX YEARS, IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS COMPETENT AND CONSCIENTIOUS, BUT HE IS NOT IN THE SAME LEAGUE WITH FOX IN TERMS OF INTELLECT,
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